

Citizen Resolution # 681118

(For Hearing Officer completion)



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Deer fat has properties that makes it desirable for soap-making, and thus offers meaningful economic opportunity to the extent that such soap may be a viable commercial product. However, under current law fat from wild deer, and products made from such fat, may not be sold, per WI Stat § 29.539.

The prohibition on the sale of most parts of wild game animals dates to a time when market hunting posed a serious threat to game populations. However, over time, the Legislature has seen fit to carve out exceptions to this prohibition to allow commercial trade in deer parts that would otherwise go to waste, namely, hides, antlers, skulls, and tails (see 29.539 (1m)(e)). These exceptions acknowledge that threats to the deer population are not exacerbated by such trade. Because deer fat is undesirable in food products and is generally discarded at butchering, it could be included in as an exemption without significant threat to deer populations.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Conservation Congress shall work with the Wisconsin Legislature to amend WI Stat § 29.539 to permit the sale of wild deer fat.

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